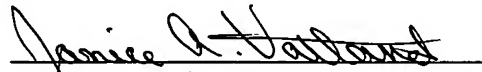


**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected to prosecute Group II. The election embraces at least claims 8-12 and linking claims 1-7. Applicant elects the gene Fit-1 in conjunction with the elected claims. Upon the allowance of any of the linking claims (claims 1-7), Applicant requests consideration of the claims encompassed by Group I, which are independent from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed linking claim(s). Applicant further notes that upon the allowance of a claim directed to the elected gene, Fit-1, Applicant will be permitted to submit claims directed to the elected gene in combination with non-elected genes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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